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**RASH**—We are authorized to announce R. L. Rash as a candidate for Sheriff, subject to the Democratic primary election to be held Dec. 2, 1911.

**HUGHES**—We are authorized to announce H. M. Hughes as a candidate for Sheriff, subject to the Democratic primary election to be held Dec. 2, 1911.

**GENTRY**—We are authorized to announce W. C. Gentry as a candidate for Trustee, subject to the Democratic primary election to be held Dec. 2, 1911.

## WE GET A STATE FARM

One of the practical results of our Labor Day celebration is that a state experimental farm will be established at Cookeville in connection with the Dixie University. This is the first state farm located anywhere, and will be under the direction of the department of agriculture. The importance of this work cannot be over-estimated, and shows in part the favorable impression made by Cookeville and her new school by the way her citizens do things.

The attention of Gov. Hooper was called to the fact that agricultural work would be taken up by the school and he became interested to such an extent that upon his return to Nashville he immediately took up the matter with commissioner Peck—and Cookeville gets the first state farm.

Keep your eyes upon Cookeville and Putnam County. Something doing here all the time.

## THE MAINE ELECTION

An election was held in Maine last Monday to pass on the retention or repeal of the prohibition article in the state constitution. The vote was very close, and cannot be fully determined until the official count is declared. However, there is an apparent majority of a few hundred for repeal of the prohibition article.

Maine has been under prohibition since 1847, or about 64 years, and during all that time liquor has been freely sold in all the larger towns and cities and bootlegged in the smaller towns and rural communities. The law has been a farce, and the people of the state have apparently become tired of the hypocrisy of maintaining a dry law that produced so much wetness.

Gradually all the states that have tried state-wide prohibition are repudiating that system of handling the liquor problem. The trouble is that the state-wide theory does not work out. There is but one solution of the drink evil, namely, rear a generation of men and women who will not use intoxicating liquor.

## HEALTH CAMPAIGN IN THE SOUTH

The following editorial from the Journal of the American Medical Association shows what our neighboring state of Alabama is doing to improve the health of her people:

"Ten thousand patients suffering from hookworm disease were treated in 107 days by one of the representatives of the Alabama State Board of Health with the help of three assistants, this work covering five counties of Alabama. In addition to treating the

victims of hookworm, the representatives of the State Board of Health are visiting the physicians, the school teachers and the schools, lecturing to public meetings, showing stereoptican views to demonstrate the cause and progress of the disease and the results of treatment.

The value of the Panama Canal as an object lesson in modern sanitation has been frequently emphasized.

The work now being done in the southern states for the elimination of hookworm disease will be an even greater demonstration of the economic value of modern medical science, when practically applied. The results of restoring to health ten thousand men and women cannot fail to be apparent in all branches of industry, commerce and society in the affected region. The extermination of hookworm means a new South of commercial and manufacturing importance hitherto undreamed of. Health is wealth; sickness is waste; and no nation or section can prosper when the vitality of the people is being wasted."

## LAW ENFORCEMENT IN NASHVILLE

The anti-democratic forces of Nashville are advertising that city as going to the demnation bow-wows through an era of lawlessness and are making a noisy campaign for law enforcement. On the face of their hue and cry the leaders of the alleged reform movement are sincere, but you may set it down as a fact that they are not. Some of these law enforcement fellows would be howling louder than they are now if the laws were actually enforced in Nashville, because it would tread on their immaculate toes. Do any of those holy men own any buildings in Nashville leased for saloons, gambling hells and brothels? And do they know it is unlawful to lease property for immoral and illegal uses?

Law enforcement, indeed. Many of the ministers of the gospel in Nashville dare not enforce the laws of God and their church against their church members. If they did their membership and salary would dwindle away. And they know it. The yelping is merely done in order to cover the real fight—control of offices and patronage of the city. The spoils of office and hatred of everything Democratic is the inspiration of the law enforcement brigade, and they should be buried under an avalanche of Democratic votes mountain high.

## WOMEN ARE FOR PEACE—WHY NOT MEN?

I believe we are drawing very near to an era of World Peace. I did not think so two years ago, but I think so now. People are thinking. Women are all for peace. Men are realizing as never before what it means to spend hundreds of millions of dollars in yearly preparation for killing human beings, when suffering humanity needs every dollar of it for its own relief. And men are concluding everywhere that nations, like men would best settle their differences by law and not by force. Hence arbitration commends itself to all unbiased thinkers, and specially to the common people.

The "Christain attitude" in common life among men is to "love your neighbor as yourself", and there is no better rule for the guidance of nations. Love worketh no evil. The age is changed. Christainity has done real work. Men are as ready today to fight for a real principle or right as they ever

were, if they must, but they feel as men in the past never have felt, that there is always a better way, and that differences among nations can be settled by law just as well as differences among men.—Cyrus Northrop, President Emeritus, University of Minnesota in The Christain Herald.

Early this morning Esq. J. R. Douglass was roused from his peaceful slumbers by a couple who had come to town on the 3 o'clock train and wanted to be spliced right then and there. As the call was so urgent the obliging official stepped out and performed the ceremony in the garb as a sans culotte—in fact he did the trick in his nightie, and the happy pair went their way rejoicing. Who knows but in this unique performance Judge Douglass has founded a new fashion. Come to think of it nighties are not altogether out of place in this connection, and are, moreover, very useful garments. However, until the new style becomes more widely used most people will prefer being married with their clothes on.

In the death of Judge T. L. Denny, Cookeville loses one of her most useful citizens, and one whom we can ill afford to spare. He had resided here for about 30 years, and always strove for the upbuilding of the community in every way. In a quiet manner he did good to hundreds of our citizens, being ever ready to assist the poor and afflicted, as well as to encourage all efforts for right. His sudden death cast a pall over the city and our people sincerely mourn his untimely taking off. Verily, in the midst of life is death, and by a very slender thread hangs life.

Congressman Cordell Hull was in the city last Friday, and visited the fair, this being his first visit since the first of the year. He has been in Washington all this time. Judge Hull has made a splendid record in the house and is rapidly rising as a party leader. He is not only a man of great ability but is, in addition, a hard worker—a combination too seldom met with. His speeches on the income tax and tariff have attracted nationwide attention.

The business men and citizens of Algood pulled off a great event last Saturday, their first commercial gala day. Some 1,500 people were present and had the time of their lives. The program as advertised was carried out. We intended to print a list of the winners of all prizes, but have not been able to get the list complete. Like everything the citizens of our enterprising neighbor undertakes this occasion was an entire success.

Attention is directed to the statement of condition of the First National Bank published elsewhere in this issue. It is the best statement ever made by this popular bank, and must be gratifying to the stockholders, as well as patrons and citizens generally. A strong and carefully managed bank is a valuable asset for a town, and Cookeville has one in the First National.

Putnam county is building the best pike system of any county in middle Tennessee. If you want good roads come to Putnam county where an enterprising citizenship has placed them for your use.

The first issue of The Democrat of Nashville will appear Sept. 20. Hurrah!